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STEREOSCOPIC IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS For:

AND STEREOSCOPIC IMAGE PICKUP METHOD

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.96-1.97 and M.P.E.P. § 609, applicant, through his attorneys, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Copies of the references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

To satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance, Applicant wishes to note that JP08-140117, JP2000-137203, JP02-199985 and JP62-120795 are accompanied by English language abstracts. The cited references were mentioned in the Office Action of applicant's corresponding Japanese patent application and are believed relevant for at least that reason. The Office Action is dated February 4, 2003. Thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) applicants' undersigned representative hereby certifies that the reference listed was cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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